

Two New Malaysian Birds

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Hypothymis azurea javana sub-sp. nov.

Males differ from *H. a. prophata* Oberholser (Great Karimon Id., East Sumatra) in being of a slightly less intense blue. Females, on the contrary, have the under-parts suffused with a slightly stronger blue and the upper-parts a less saturate brown, being greyer and washed with blue there.

Types. Adult male and female from Badjoelmati, East Coast of Java. Collected by C. Boden Kloss on 5th February and 31st January, 1920. Nos. 5996 and 5842. Wings 72.5 and 70 mm.

Specimens examined. Three males from East and six from West Java; one female from East and one from West Java, all adults. Also four immature brown-backed examples 3 ♂, 1 ♀. Compared with many examples of *H. a. prophata* from Sumatra, the Malay Peninsula and Borneo.

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* Occasionally brilliant cinnamon brown.

THE GENUS CYORNIS

Munia atricapilla *batakana* sub-sp. nov.

Individuals of *Munia atricapilla* from the north of the Malay Peninsula are variable: the abdomen is generally, but not always, black; but it is not sharply margined. A few resemble examples from the southern half of the Peninsula in which the abdomen, etc., and thighs are only slightly infuscated: while in quite fifty per cent these areas are merely a slightly deeper shade of chestnut than the general colour which is paler than in northern examples. The former we would place under *M. a. atricapilla* (Vieill.), type locality Southern Bengal: the latter are *M. a. sinensis* Blyth (Cat. Birds Mus. Asiat. Soc., 1849, p. 337, Malay States: syn. *M. a. sumatrensis* Bartlett, Mon. Weaverbirds; *Munia* p. 29, pl. v, fig. 3, ♂ Java, Sumatra, Penang and Malay States).

We have before us two examples from a series of four which were obtained by Mr. A. C. van Heyst at Brastagi, Simeloengan, in the Batak Highlands of N. E. Sumatra, 1,390 metres. Wings 49, 50, 50, 50 mm.² The chestnut colour of one can be matched by, but the others are paler than, South Malayan birds from which all differ in having sharply-defined, brownish-black abdominal patches, vents and under-tailcoverts.

On account of this coloration and smaller size we distinguish them as *M. a. batakensis*.

Type. Adult female, No. 1393, A. C. van Heyst. Collected on 28th January, 1919. Wing 50 mm.